

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 172260

64

ORIGIN NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 L-03 EB-07 /021 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/INS:RBMORLEY:JES

APPROVED BY NEA/INS:DKUX

L/NEA:JROHWER

EB/IFD/OIA:TBRODERICK

----- 025649

R 221857Z JUL 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 172260

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRA, IN

SUBJECT: ARBITRATION DISPUTE

REF: NEW DELHI 9548

1. SUBSTANCE REFTEL PASSED TO BRIDGELAND JULY 17.
2. BRIDGELAND CONTACTED DEPARTMENT (NEA/INS-MORLEY) JULY 21 AND NOTED THAT HE HAD MADE OFFER TO FCI IN MARCH IN ATTEMPT SETTLE THIS CASE. HE CONSIDERS OFFER TO BE STILL OUTSTANDING SINCE RESPONSE CONTAINED NEW DELHI 5377 (IN WHICH FCI REJECTED ANY COMPROMISE SOLUTION WHATSOEVER) OVERCOME BY REFTEL AND MAY NO LONGER BE ACCURATE REFLECTION OF FCI POSITION. HE SUGGESTED EMBASSY APPROACH FCI AND ASK AGAIN FOR DETAILED COUNTERPROPOSAL. BRIDGELAND REITERATED HE AND HIS CLIENTS WERE FLEXIBLE AND PREPARED CONSIDER REASONABLE COUNTERPROPOSALS.

3. BRIDGELAND WOULD PREFER EMBASSY NOT RPT NOT WITHDRAW FROM NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS TIME BUT CONTINUE TO ACT AS "MIDDLEMAN". HE SAID BOMBAY COUNSEL NOT IN PICTURE AS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 172260

FAR AS THESE PARTICULAR NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNED, AND HE

EXPRESSED BELIEF INJECTING NEW MAN INTO DISCUSSIONS AT THIS LATE DATE MIGHT PREJUDICE INTERESTS OF HIS CLIENT. HE ASKED

THAT EMBASSY CONTINUE ABIDE BY "AGREEMENT" STRUCK IN MARCH, ACCORDING TO WHICH EMBASSY UNDERTOOK PLAY LIAISON ROLE AND ADVISE BRIDGELAND ON POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, BRIDGELAND INDICATED EMBASSY (LANDE) FULLY BRIEFED ON SUBSTANCE OF BRIDGELAND'S MARCH SETTLEMENT OFFER.

5. IN CLOSING CONVERSATION, BRIDGELAND ASKED FOR EMBASSY HELP IN ONE MORE PROBLEM. HE SAID HE LEFT EDITED TRANSCRIPT OF TRIBUNAL PROCEEDINGS WITH FCI IN MARCH, AND THAT FCI HAD UNDERTAKEN GET COPIES TO HIM "IN A FEW WEEKS". THEY ALSO PROMISED COPIES OF DOCUMENTS ENTERED INTO EVIDENCE BEFORE TRIBUNAL. SO FAR, NONE OF PROMISED MATERIAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED. BRIDGELAND ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY COULD REMIND FCI OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS IN THIS REGARD. HE IS PREPARED TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH TRIBUNAL SHORTLY IF DOCUMENTS AND TRANSCRIPT NOT RECEIVED SOON.

6. COMMENT: WE HAVE MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT BRIDGELAND'S REQUEST THAT EMBASSY SERVE AS "MIDDLEMAN". WE WANT TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE, BUT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT EMBASSY'S BECOMING TOO INVOLVED IN HIGHLY TECHNICAL DISPUTE BETWEEN FCI AND BRIDGELAND WHICH IS STILL PENDING BEFORE THE COURTS. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON THIS. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** DISPUTES, ARBITRATION, NEGOTIATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 22 JUL 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** KelleyW0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975STATE172260  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** RBMORLEY:JES  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750253-0692  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750732/aaaabdeb.tel  
**Line Count:** 90  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN NEA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 NEW DELHI 9548  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** KelleyW0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 06 AUG 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <06 AUG 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <01 DEC 2003 by KelleyW0>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ARBITRATION DISPUTE  
**TAGS:** EGEN, IN  
**To:** NEW DELHI  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006